

REMARKS

Claims 10-19 are pending. Claims 10-19 are allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview on October 27, 2005. In the telephonic interview, the Examiner clarified that the double patenting rejection is directed to claim 10 and not claim 1. Claim 1 was previously cancelled without prejudice.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is filing an IDS that includes copies all cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature documents. Applicant requests that the cited references be considered.

Double Patenting

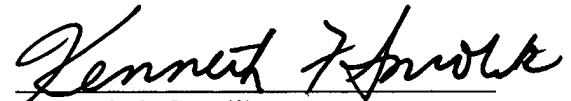
Claim 10 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,721,713 since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent.

In the telephonic interview on October 27, 2005, the Examiner clarified that claim 10, and not claim 1, is rejected for double patenting reasons. Applicant is filing a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 and is consequently requesting reconsideration of claim 10.

All objections and rejections have been addressed. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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